

KILLS GIRL AND SELF

TERRIBLE DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN ANTELOPE COUNTY.

WAS MADDENED WITH JEALOUSY

AND NELSON MURDERS SLEEPING CARRIE JACOBSON.

BLOWS OWN HEAD CLEAR OFF

Stealing Into Her Bedchamber While Her Mother Had Left the Room at Midnight, the Young Farmhand Committed a Terrible Double Crime

Neligh, Neb., Jan. 16.—Special to The News: A tragic murder and an awful suicide occurred near here early today when Andrew Nelson, a young farmhand of twenty years, enraged with a frenzied jealousy, crept into the sleeping room of Carrie Jacobson, an 18-year-old girl and the object of his devotion, fired a heavy charge from his shotgun into her helpless, sleeping form and then, before members of the family could arrive, turned the still smoking weapon upon himself and blew his own head off. The dead bodies of the young woman, murdered in cold blood, and of the young man, guilty of two crimes, were found fearfully lacerated by the terrible wounds, a moment later.

Mother Slept With Girl.

Increased tragedy is added to the horrible affair by the fact that the mother of the murdered girl had been sleeping with her during the night and had left the room but a moment before, to get coal for the fire. She was down cellar for the coal.

Noting the absence of the mother, Nelson softly descended the stairs, his murderous shotgun in hand, quietly entered the room and in an instant had killed the young woman asleep in the darkness.

Nelson had been working on the Jacobson farm for two years past. Jealousy is given as the sole cause. The farm is about seven miles from here, near Clearwater, at a point known as the Grecian Bend.

The body of the girl was found in bed, the top of her head blown to pieces. The body of the man was found lying in the doorway, his head entirely off. The bodies still lie where they were discovered and await the coroner's inquest. The coroner lives at Orchard and has been notified.

Murder in His Mind.

It is evident from facts which developed today that Nelson had murder in his mind a week ago. At that time he is said to have gone to the school house where the girl was, with a shotgun all loaded. He was desperately in love with the girl, who had rejected him a number of times and who had no more to do with him than was absolutely necessary.

Nelson had been driven away from the home repeatedly and had been allowed to return through pity each time.

Girl Was Afraid.

Last night the girl was afraid of him and when she wanted to go down stairs to sleep with her mother, she was afraid to go past the door of Nelson alone. She called her mother who came up stairs and accompanied the daughter to the room below.

Went to Church Together.

Clearwater, Neb., Jan. 16.—Special to The News: Andrew Nelson, aged twenty-one, murdered Carrie Jacobson, aged eighteen, shortly after midnight, blowing the top of her head off with a shotgun, and then blew his own head completely off. Jealousy was the cause. He had made his home at the Jacobson farm for two years, when he did not work other places. At parties he always manifested jealousy and insisted on the girl's going home earlier than the others. Yesterday morning the young couple went to church together.

Nelson Slept With Father.

Carrie Jacobson, who was the only child of her parents, felt ill last night and did not, as was her wont, sleep upstairs. Instead, she slept downstairs with her mother that she might be cared for in case she felt worse. Mr. Jacobson slept upstairs with Nelson.

Shortly after midnight the house became cold and the mother got up to get coal for the stove. While she was out of the house Nelson slipped out of bed, leaving the father of the girl whom he was about to kill, calmly sleeping. He stole down the stairs, entered the silent room and aimed the gun, evidently, at the unconscious girl. When, later, he shot his own head off, the bits of his skull and brains were blown all over the room and on the walls. The scene was a sickening one.

Coroner's Inquest at 2 Today. The bodies were left unmoved, to

await the inquest of the coroner which comes at 2 o'clock today.

Miss Jacobson was a pretty young woman, much respected by the community.

The whole county feels downcast over the terrible double tragedy. Both were Danes.

Very Low Excursion Rates to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, via the Northwestern line, will be in effect from all stations January 7, 8 and 9, 1905, with favorable return limits, on account of annual conventions, National Live Stock and Wool Growers' associations. Two fast trains through to Colorado daily, only one night. For full information apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

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FIRE IN MESERVE'S HOME

CLOSE CALL FOR KNOX COUNTY SENATOR.

FIRE BOYS SAVED THE DAY

An Oil Stove Exploded Today in the Home of W. A. Meserve at Creighton, and Prompt Work Was all That Saved the Building.

Creighton, Neb., Jan. 16.—Special to The News: The home of Senator W. A. Meserve had a close call from fire here at 8:30 o'clock this morning and was only saved from utter destruction by the prompt and effective work of the Creighton fire department.

An oil stove exploded and the fire soon spread over carpets and furniture. The ceiling, too, was ablaze. So quickly did the firemen arrive that the home was saved with a slight loss.

MAY SPRING SENSATION

DEFENSE IN NEW ULM MURDER CASE HOLDS SECRET.

SAY A BUSINESS MAN DID IT

The Defense in the Case of Murder Charged Against Dr. George R. Koch, Claims a Man Who Hated Both Dentists, Did the Slaying.

New Ulm, Minn., Jan. 17.—Sensational disclosures are anticipated before the trial of Dr. George R. Koch is finished.

A prominent business man of New Ulm is likely to be accused of the murder of Dr. Gebhard.

The wife of this man is said to have been on extremely friendly terms with both Dr. Gebhard and Dr. Koch, and that the husband became aware of this, and that he was watching her on the night of November 1, when she first visited Dr. Gebhard and then called on Dr. Koch. Here is a motive. The woman's husband hated Koch as he did Gebhard. Circumstances were such that Koch's presence and actions brought him under suspicion. An anonymous letter received by the defense, signed by a woman, states that she gave Koch a lead pencil on November 1, like the one found in Gebhard's room. It is said that the woman's husband also had such a pencil. It is believed here that the man was recognized and is known to at least two witnesses, who have testified in the trial.

It is believed that the defense is aware of this new evidence and that disclosures will be made only as a last resort.

E. G. Koch Recalled.

E. G. Koch was recalled by the defense to rectify an error in his testimony yesterday, when he omitted to state that that clock was seven minutes fast.

"When I came in Sunday for mail walk the town clock was just striking 4 o'clock. I went in and looked at my clock. It was 7 minutes fast. When my son came in the clock pointed to 9:45.

Miss Ida Koch, sister of the prisoner, and teacher in the public schools, said she wrote letters until 9:30 o'clock on the night of the homicide. She did not know how fast the clock was at that time, but thought it was about 5 minutes fast.

HORSE WAS NOT STOLEN.

Dr. Bilger Thought He Had Lost the Animal, But Hadn't.

Dr. G. F. Bilger thought for a time last night that he was the victim of another case of horse stealing in Norfolk, but when he arrived home he found the animal, which had left him down town, peacefully eating in its stall. He had left the horse tied near the Methodist church, while he attended the union service. When he returned to go home, he found the horse was missing. The animal had evidently been turned loose, and had known the road home.

Welcome a Son.

A brand new boy arrived last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Winter and was given a cordial welcome to his future home.

LET PRINTING CONTRACT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS GIVE WORK TO EIGHT PAPERS.

DEPUTY ASSESSORS APPOINTED

Books of the County Officers Checked up and an Estimate of Expenses for the Current Year Made—Bonds Approved—Bills Paid.

Madison, Neb., Jan. 16.—Board of county commissioners met in regular session. All members were present. Minutes of last meeting were read and on motion approved.

On motion the board commenced checking the books of the county officials.

Board adjourned to Jan. 11, 8 a. m. Board met pursuant to adjournment and resumed the work of checking books. Board adjourned to Jan. 12, at 8 a. m. Board met pursuant to adjournment.

A proposition was received from W. N. Huse, publisher of the Norfolk Daily News, for county printing for 1905 as follows:

To publish the county commissioners' proceedings at 33 1/3c per square; the delinquent tax list, road and bridge notices and all other notices that come under the jurisdiction of said board at legal rates, the treasurer's semi-annual statement at \$90.00 each in the following papers: The Battle Creek Enterprise, Norfolk Press, Madison Star-Mail, Madison Chronicle, Newman Grove Herald, Tilden Citizen, The Norfolk Daily News and Weekly News-Journal. It was moved by John Harding and seconded by Geo. D. Smith to reject the above proposition. On this motion Schmitt and Harding voted yes, and Geo. D. Smith voted no. Christ Schmitt desired to explain his vote. Explanation: The reason for voting against Mr. Huse's proposition is, I do not want the Madison Star-Mail and the Battle Creek Enterprise in on the deal.

On motion the following estimation of expenses were made for the year 1905:

County institute	\$ 100
County road	8000
County printing	1200
County attorney's salary	900
Care of paupers	2000
Fuel, postage and expenses	1500
Books, stationery and supplies	2300
Election expenses	2000
Salary for county assessor and deputies	3500
Soldier's relief fund	1500
Poor farm expenses	1500
County superintendent's salary	1400
County bridge fund	18000
County clerk's salary as clerk of board	500
County commissioners salary	2000
Bounty on wild animals	1000
Jailor's fees	1500
Janitor's salary and county officers' assistants	1500
District court jurors	7000
Insane fund	1200
Ripraping on streams	1500
Aid to agricultural society	600
Furniture and repairs on court house, insurance on jail and court house bonds	1000
Road indebtedness	2000
Interest on court house bonds between Madison and Union precincts	500
Sinking fund for same	400
Battle Creek village jail bonds	150

It was moved by Geo. D. Smith and seconded by John H. Harding to reconsider the proposition of W. N. Huse for county printing. On roll call Commissioners Harding and Smith voted for and Commissioner Schmitt against reconsideration. Carried.

It was then moved by Geo. D. Smith and seconded by John H. Harding to accept the proposition of W. N. Huse. Carried.

The following deputy assessors were appointed by the county assessor and confirmed by the board:

H. G. Brueggeman, Norfolk; C. L. Lowe, Valley; John Crook, Deer Creek; Will McDonald, Meadow Grove; Ben Mills, Jefferson; C. J. Hixson, Grove; C. T. Richardson, Highland; S. C. Inckley, Battle Creek; A. N. McGinnis, Warnerville; Wm. Isenbauer, Union; H. C. Haskins, Fairview; J. R. Manning, Schoolcraft; Matt Classen, Kalamazoo; Fred Dierks, Green Garden; Mark Richardson, Madison.

On motion the fee book of Wm. Bates, county judge, was audited, showing a total amount of fees earned for the year 1904 to be \$1,498.95.

On motion the fee book of W. H. Field, clerk of the district court, was audited, showing total amount of fees earned for the year 1904 to be \$812.62.

On motion the fee book of J. J. Clements, sheriff, was audited, showing total amount of fees earned to be \$795.70.

On motion the fee book of Emil Winter, county clerk, was audited, showing total balance paid county treasurer \$674.10.

On motion the account of C. W. Crum, county superintendent, was audited, showing balance on hand in institute fund to be \$53.

The books of Chr. Schavland, county treasurer, were checked and found correct.

On motion the clerk was instructed to advertise for sealed bids for the

construction of bridges for the ensuing year, bids to be filed until 12 o'clock at noon Feb. 14, 1905.

Motion to retain two Bell telephones providing the telephone company make a rate of \$2 per month for the two 'phones, otherwise one of the 'phones to be removed. Carried. The independent line to be retained.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

John W. Warriek, lumber, road district No. 13	\$ 12 33
John W. Warriek, lumber, road district No. 4	67 15
John W. Warriek, lumber, road district No. 12	35 36
City of Madison, electric lights	23 90
Perkins Bros., record	15 95
Albert Degner, merchandise road district No. 1	4 40
State Journal, books and blanks	16 75
W. H. Fields, fees	28 28
Wm. Doyle, road work, district No. 14	22 50
Wm. Doyle, road work, district No. 15	22 50
Frank A. Peterson, premium on bond and extra work	180 00
John Wade, road work district No. 8	42 00
On motion Chas. Schlender was appointed road overseer district No. 25.	
On motion the following bonds were approved:	
John F. Wade, road overseer district No. 8.	
Chas. Schlender, road overseer district No. 25.	
On motion the bond of W. N. Huse for county printing was approved.	
Board adjourned to 8 a. m. Jan. 13, 1905.	

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Schmitt and Harding.

On motion the shoe stock of Fred Soltow was reduced from \$1500 to \$1200. The clerk was instructed to change tax list accordingly.

On motion the board adjourned to February 14, 1905.

Emil Winter, County Clerk.

FALLS INTO COLD RIVER

JOHN DECKER IS DIPPED INTO ICY NORTHFORK.

GETS OUT OF STREAM ALIVE

Sawing Ice Just Above the Dam at the Sugar City Cereal Mills, John Decker Was Today Dumped Into the Water and Given a Cold Bath.

A dash into the icy waters of the Northfork river at noon today gave John Decker, who was sawing ice, a frigid bath that he did not plan and did not, furthermore, enjoy. Luckily he got out of the deep waters alive.

Mr. Decker, with others, was cutting ice just above the dam at the Sugar City Cereal Mills. Of a sudden the chunk of ice upon which he stood, gave way, and he was precipitated deep into the current below. Even in the summer time, the Northfork river is cold, but Mr. Decker declares it is much colder on a winter's day when the thermometer stands at thirteen below zero.

By clinging to the edge of other ice near at hand, and by keeping cool, he managed to get out safely. He went at once into the office of the mill, for the sake of getting warm. His clothing formed a veritable garment of ice.

NEBRASKA FARMERS IN SESSION

Meet at Lincoln to Discuss Matters of Interest to Their Class.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 16.—Progressive agriculturists and stock breeders of Nebraska, to a total of several hundred, have rounded up in the capital for the annual meetings of their several associations. These associations include those of the stock breeders, corn growers, bee keepers, horticulturists, dairymen and vegetarians. The various meetings will continue through the week, the sessions being held at the state university.

George Tannehill has rented his farm to Ren Flowers of Madison.

OLD SOLDIER PASSES AWAY.

Thomas O. McGrew is Dead at Ainsworth, After Operation.

Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 17.—Special to The News: Another old soldier is dead here. Thomas O. McGrew, aged fifty-nine, falling to rally from a surgical operation, succumbed to kidney disease. He enlisted in company K, 140 Illinois Infantry. He leaves a wife and ten children to survive him. Funeral service was held today and interment made in Park cemetery where the old soldiers have a lot. Rev. T. W. DeLong officiated.

TO TELEPHONE CONVENTION.

Number of Creighton Men Go to Lincoln Today.

Creighton, Neb., Jan. 17.—Special to The News: M. C. Theissen, W. T. Kaly, W. L. Henderson, James Kruz, J. K. Brown and a number of others left this morning for Lincoln to attend the state telephone convention.

Get to school right with a supply of News' tablets.

ARE BURNED OUT OF HOME

POSTMASTER AND FAMILY MENACED BY FLAMES.

NARROWLY ESCAPE WITH LIVES

Awaking During the Night at Lindsay, They Are Nearly Suffocated by the Flames Which Envelope the Home. Save Nothing From Fire.

Lindsay, Neb., Jan. 16.—Special to The News: Postmaster I. E. Wemple and his family, a wife and two children, narrowly escaped with their lives in a fire which completely destroyed their home here during the night. They were driven out into the cold, saving but a few articles of clothing and a very small amount of furniture.

Awakened by the roar of the fire, the family found itself almost suffocated by the choking flames that enveloped them. They did well to get out alive.

There was no insurance on the house or the furniture.

MONDAY MENTION.

Fritz Fritzen was here Saturday from Randolph.

R. J. Woeck was down from Bonesteel Saturday.

C. E. Benedict was down from Creighton Saturday.

Gus R. Broberg was in the city Saturday from Scribner.

E. L. Wilson was a Saturday visitor to Norfolk from Butte.

M. C. Walker left yesterday for Lincoln, where he went on business.

Mr. and Mrs. August Hampt were in the city Saturday from Spencer.

Miss Maude Tannehill of Stanton spent Sunday with her parents here.

Miss Hattie Mayhew returned yesterday from a short visit at Battle Creek.

Father O'Driscoll of Blair, formerly assistant to Father Walsh, visited in the city over night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Owen of Randolph are visiting at the Tannehill home south of the city.

Mrs. L. M. Keene returned this morning to her home in Fremont after a two-weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McClary.

F. A. Bodinson, formerly of this city but now of Des Moines, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Bodinson is about to relocate in Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shoemaker of Omaha arrived in the city Saturday night for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Weatherly. Mr. Shoemaker returned to Omaha this morning and Mrs. Shoemaker will remain in the city for a three weeks' visit.

Wm. Huse, sr., who was quite sick at Wayne on Saturday had practically recovered from the attack last evening.

Miss Durland and thirty-three members of the Junior Christian Endeavor society of the First Congregational church were among those who enjoyed a sleigh ride yesterday afternoon.

Seventeen degrees below zero was the minimum record for low temperature yesterday. The maximum was twenty-three degrees above zero. The barometer was still high, being over thirty inches, this morning.

A special meeting of the Union Commercial Travelers will be held at the Odd Fellows' hall next Saturday night. The social session is planned as one of the best of the season and all members are cordially urged to be present.

A change has been made in the management of the city office of the Western Union telegraph company here. Miss Dora McCracken, who had charge for more than a year, left yesterday and has been succeeded by W. A. Keaton of Omaha. Mr. Keaton is an experienced operator and a manager of ability and it is hoped that the local service has been improved.

The subscription sale of seats for the performance of the Beggar Prince opera company in "Fra Diavolo" at the Auditorium tonight provoked such a demand for the seats that there is every prospect of the house being filled to capacity tonight. When the time came for the public, outside of the subscribers, to choose seats, there were few good ones left. It is the first opera of this season to visit Norfolk.

Yesterday was an ideal day for the people who delight in sleighing and about every sleigh, sled and bob in the city was in demand for the exhilarating entertainment. The night with a bright moon left attractions that were irresistible to some of the riders and the teams were not all in their stalls until a late hour. It is seldom that as good sleighing with as perfect weather is offered in Nebraska and many chose to make the best of the rare treat offered.

The vestry of Trinity church gave a "church tea" at the home of J. S. McClary Saturday evening, an innovation that proved pleasing to those Episcopalians who were present. After substantial refreshments had been served, and after good cigars had been disposed of by the smoking element of the assemblage, a short business meeting was held, with Warden Hayes in the chair. The financial condition of the church was discussed and ways and means were planned for the coming year.

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